March is here, the month when we recognize the valuable contributions of all of our social workers at DYS. To those staff working in social work classifications as well as those in other positions dedicated to the well-being of others, thank you for the assistance you provide to our youth, families, and communities.

This year’s theme, established by the National Association of Social Workers, “Leaders. Advocates. Champions.” conveys the value of social work at DYS. Social workers support youth and their families through a variety of challenges. Skilled at looking at situations in a holistic way, social workers help bring together people and communities to provide youth with effective services while in our care and as they return home. Ultimately, these staff assist young people in reaching their full potential and making our communities safer.

BL was released from Circleville Juvenile Correctional Facility two years ago. He recently called back to let his social worker know that he just obtained his four-year business degree, operates his own landscape and home repair business, and is focused on taking good care of his young son and twin baby daughters. He shared that his social worker made a lasting impact on his life. BL said, “My social worker said some things that inspired me, and I appreciate everything that was done for me.”
Please join me in thanking all of our social workers, caring professionals who play an important role in getting our youth on the right track.